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SECTION 1

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FROM "THE OREGONIAN" - Thursday, July 3, 1947

PILOT RECALLS SEEING DISCS.

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More reports of "flying flapjacks" turned up Wednesday, one from no less than Dick Rankin, brother of the late Tex Rankin, and himself an experienced pilot of more than 7000 hours' flying time.

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"They were not weaving or bobbing in formation; I couldn't make out the number or location of their propellers and couldn't distinguish any wings or tail. They appeared almost round. They looked like pictures of the navy's flying flapjack," Rankin said.

Rankin, who plans to spend the summer here at [illegible] S. W. Winston St., is now able to resume a little flying for fun, but not commercially, he said. He now operates a string of auto courts, spending his winters at Palm Springs.

TWO DESCRIPTIONS CHECK.

Rankin's description of the mysterious aerial objects agrees with that of Kenneth Arnold, Boise, Idaho, business man, who first reported them over the State of Washington, except that Arnold clocked them at an estimated 1200 miles an hour.

Other reports came Wednesday from Astoria. Jack Hayes, patient in St. Mary's hospital there, said he saw two of the discs Monday flying southwest at a rapid speed and that they vanished behind the hills.

Mrs. Earl Reado, Fort Stevens, said she saw a disc traveling north over Fort Stevens Tuesday noon, and that other observers saw the same object.

The army at Fort Stevens and the coast guard at nearby Point Adams did not see the discs.

The report of a Centralia, Wash., man Wednesday coincided in matter of time with the original report made by Arnold. Sidney B. Gallagher of Centralia said he saw nine aluminum-hued objects flying north at 3 P.M. June 24. He was working 11 miles southwest of Mineral, Wash., at the time.

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Washington I realized that the articles that I was were probably the same thing. I was still reluctant to mention this to anyone thinking that they would probably say that I was crazy. After some time I mentioned the 2nd part to the [redacted] of the "Oregonian", a Portland, Oregon newspaper. At this time I was in Portland for the remainder of the summer. The results of the conversation with the [redacted] for the paper is put forth in the accompanying newspaper article.

I fully realize that this is a broad statement in view of the fact that there has been so much publicity heretofore put forth in various newspapers of the country. I am of sound mind in every respect and I am firmly convinced that the articles I saw are actually some sort of flying machines although I cannot say from where they came or to where they were going. I say what I have said with no idea of publicity or personal gain.

[redacted]

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PORTLAND, OREGON
30 July 1947

[redacted]

[redacted] on 30 July 1947 [redacted]
Portland, Oregon was interviewed by this agent and stated in substance [redacted] follows:

My name is [redacted] I am 47 years old and have flown since I was his teen years old. I first soloed in an aircraft in 1919. I have flown over all the western parts of the United States many times and have mapped all of the western part of the United States during the years before the late war for the US Forest Service. I am familiar with almost every part of the western United States. During a great part of my life I have done stunt flying for air shows and various other types of aeronautical exhibitions. My brother was [redacted] who was quite well known in both civilian and military flying circles for many years before his death and during the late war ran thousands of flying cadets through primary training schools owned and operated by him. To date I have accomplished 7000 hours in the air as pilot of both civilian and military aircraft. I am well acquainted with most articles that one would see in the air and I feel that I am well qualified to say when I see articles flying through the air, although I would not attempt to say that I am infallible and state that I could definitely identify every object that might be flying through the air. The following is an account of what I saw on 14 June 1947 from the yard of my home at [redacted] Bakersfield, California.

At approximately 1200 noon on the 14 of June I was lying in the front yard of my home. There was a lad mowing the lawn at the time. I looked up into the sky and saw ten articles flying from the South to the North at what I told judge to be 8500 ft. The objects were flying at approximately [illegible] I would judge to be 350 miles per hour. As I have stated before, I have done quite a lot of map work for the US Forest Service. I distinctly remember that at the time I saw the articles I mentioned it to the lad who was mowing the lawn at the time. I told the lad that the objects were in all probability some sort of Army or Navy test planes from the nearby test centers on the deserts of Southern California. Having quite a knowledge of aircraft in general I attempted to explain to the lad mowing the lawn that the objects were probably on some sort of training mission for either the Army or Navy. At that time I did not give the slightest thought to anything but that the objects were some sort of test ship for the Government services. The objects resembled the pictures that I have seen of the XF5U-1, the so called "Flying Flapjack" [illegible] that the Navy is testing. After the objects disappeared I proceeded into the house and had my noon meal. At approximately 1415 I went back into the yard to sit and lie in the shade. At this time the objects [illegible] appeared going from South to South, although this time there were only seven of the articles. When I first saw the original ten objects they were flying in a "V" formation with one object seemingly straggling in the rear of the formation. When the objects appeared the second time they were still in the "V" formation although there was only seven of the objects at this time. I remember at this time that I told the lad, who was still working on the lawn that probably three of the objects had proceeded back to their base on a different course. I actually thought that this was the case, that the other three objects had probably gone back to their base on the other side of the mountains from Bakersfield. A week or so later when I read of [redacted] that he had seen articles flying through the air over the Cascade [illegible]

AUG 7 1947

HEADQUARTERS FOURTH AIR FORCE
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, A-2
Intelligence
Hamilton Field, California

4AFDA
333.5 ID

4 August 1947

SUBJECT: Investigation of "Flying Discs"

TO: Special Agent in Charge, FBI, U. S. Dept of Justice, Suite 426, 111 Sutter Street, San Francisco 4, California.

Inclosed herewith is information copy of MOIC and newspaper clipping re subject.

WILLIAM R. GRAHAM
Major, Air Corps
Deputy AC of S, A-2

2 Incls:
1. MOIC Sorensen 7 Jul 47.
2. Newspaper clipping dtd 5 Jul 47.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE
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ROUTE TO

From the Oregon [illegible] - continued.

MORE SEEN LATER.

Several late flights of objects over Portland were reported Friday afternoon. A. A. Evans, 5435 SW Macadam avenue, said he saw three fly east across the Willamette river near the Ross Island bridge about 2 p.m. The objects did not appear high, he said, and were traveling so fast that, although in two west, they were out of sight in the east in two to four seconds. He said they resembled metallic disks glinting in the sunlight.

Also, he said, he and neighbors saw a single disk-like object flying north far away and very high.

At 4:30 p.m., Mrs. Lawrence J. Hayward, 3124 NE 21st Avenue, reported sighting a disk "like a new dime flippin around" in the air over the Sandy district. She said it seemed to be moving slowly.

PAPER RECOVERED.

Thomas W. Dwyer, 1252 NE 69th Avenue, said he sighted two white or silver objects flying southeast high over Portland a few minutes before 5 p.m. He reported another headed northeast over his home at 6:30 p.m.

C. J. Lagie, Tigard, reported that four disks flew past Mount Jefferson at about 11 a.m. while he was driving near Redmond.

Sherman Cook, 2000 [illegible] 65th avenue, recovered from Rose City golf course a piece of paper he said had fallen from a great height in the sky. Size of its roll coincided with some of the reports of flying disks. The paper, of glossy quality, measured 25½ x 38 inches.

SILVERED DISKS, DROPPED BY PLANE.

EUGENE, July 8. (AP)- A Eugene railroad cashier said Friday he saw silvered disks being dropped out of a light airplane flying over this city.

S. R. Smith, Rt. 2, Eugene, an assistant cashier for the Southern Pacific Railroad, said he was driving on a Eugene street when

FROM THE OREGON [illegible]NAL - 8 July 1947 Portland, O[illegible]

AIRLINES CREW CONFIRMS REPORTS OF FLYING DISKS; FIVE SPOTTED

Circumstantial reports of flying disks in the sky Friday came from the crew of a United Airlines plane over Boise, Idaho, and a coast guardsman near Seattle, as well as from Portland area police and citizens.

E. J. Smith, captain of the airliner, told United Press that he sighted five "somethings" which were "thin and smooth on the bottom and rough appearing on top." The objects appeared against the sunset shortly after the plane took off at 8:04 p.m., he said.

"We saw them clearly," he reported. "We followed them in a northwesterly direction for about 45 miles. Finally the objects disappeared. We were unable to tell whether they outsped us or disintegrated."

NOT AIRCRAFT

"We can't say whether they were saucer-like, oval or anything else," the captain said, "but whatever they were, they were not another aircraft, nor were they smoke or clouds."

In Seattle, Coast Guardsman Frank Ryman, 27, reported to United Press that he snapped a picture from the front porch of his home which showed a "white saucer" flying over the north end of Lake Washington.

Acme News Pictures, New York City, said a 7x9 inch print of the photograph showed two tiny dots, one of which was a flaw in the print.

Don Metcalfe, 19, Lake Amusement park employe, reported that he saw several objects "like spinning disks" in the sky Friday. He said several pleasure boaters, including a woman pilot, noticed them.

In Vancouver, Wash., Sheriff's Deputies John Sullivan, Clarence McKay and Fred Krives heard the Portland police radio broadcast and ran out of the sheriff's office to look at the sky. Over Portland, three to five miles away, Sullivan said, they saw 20 to 30 objects "like a flight of geese." They heard a low humming sound.

OTHERS DOUBTFUL

Col. S. R. Dodson, commander of the Oregon national guard, made an inspection of this area from the air after the disks were reported here. He said he saw nothing "suspicious."

Only known military airplanes in the air at the time of the reports were 13 B-29 bombers near Astoria.

Despite all the reports, at least two persons remained unconvinced of the existence of the disks. Al P. Sanford, Holgate moorage, says his opinion that the objects were cottonwood blossoms.

Earl Hollish, 84, of 6604 N. Burrage avenue, telephoned the Journal to berate the newspapers for perpetuating a hoax. He said he saw objects in the sky about a minute after an airplane passed over his house. To him the objects looked like bits of aluminum foil, perhaps cigarette wrappers.

5. This agent interviewed W. A. Lissy and D. K. Ellis, both Patrolmen, Portland City Police Department and both possess private pilots licenses. Both officers advised that upon hearing the radio alert, they saw three flat round discs, having a white color to them. These discs were, according to these officers, flying at a terrific speed in a Southerly direction away from Portland. They described them as flying in a straight line formation, the last disc fluttering very rapidly in a side way arc. They further advised the discs were equally spaced and kept in formation. Both officers estimated the discs altitude at 40,000 feet. They saw no evidence of any motivating powers and vapor trails or smoke trails. Both officers stated these discs were traveling so fast, they were out of sight before any detailed observation could be made, or any sound could be heard.

AGENT'S NOTE: All informants mentioned herein are known to this agent as very dependable and trustworthy officers, not being afflicted with hallucinations. The weather in the Portland area at this time was clear with little or no cloud formations being visable from the ground. Ground temperature at this time was 82 degrees Fahrenheit.

Keith A. Sorensen, S/A, OIC, Sixth Army

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4 August 1947

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WILLIAM R. GRAHAM
Major, Air Corps
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Incls:
1. Statement of [redacted] dtd 30 Jul 47.
2. Newspaper clipping, dtd 5 Jul 47.

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4 August 1947

SUBJECT: Investigation of Flying Discs

TO: Special Agent in Charge, FBI, U. S. Dept. of Justice, Suite 420, 111 Sutter Street, San Francisco 4, California

Attached ZOIC is forwarded for your information.

WILLIAM S. GRAHAM
Major, Air Corps
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1 Incl:
ZOIC Aldrich 14 Jul 47

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
AUG 8 1947

FROM THE OREGON JOURNAL - 5 July 1947, Portland, Ore.

"PROWL CARS SPOT DISKS IN SKY HERE"

Whatever they are, there are some disk-like objects flying around in the sky.

Or else eight Portland area policemen and deputy sheriffs who sighted the objects Friday, numerous private citizens, the crew of a [illegible] Air Lines plane over Boise, Idaho, and a coastguardsman who claims to have photographed one near Seattle, are all wrong.

In Portland the alert was sounded over police radio at 1:06 p.m. Friday, after the East Side station received a score of calls that the disks were overhead. Within seconds, two prowl cars reported spotting the mystery craft.

FLASHES SEEN, NOISE LACKING.

First to report in were Patrolmen Walter Lissy and Robert Ellis in Car No. 82, who stopped near Oaks Park. Both World War II veterans and civilian pilots, they sighted three of the objects within 30 seconds traveling at great height and speed over the park. They reported they heard no engine noises but saw flashes. The objects seemed erratic and changed direction of flight. The patrolmen agreed that without knowledge of the size of the objects it would be impossible to judge their speed or altitude.

Patrolman Earl Patterson in car No. 13 stopped at SE 82d avenue and Foster road to look eastward from where the disks were reported. Telephone calls located them coming out of the sun. He saw nothing, but a few seconds later observed one coming out of the west and heading southwest. The craft seemed to be aluminum or eggshell white and didn't flash or reflect light, he said.

OBJECTS UNIDENTIFIED.

A former aircorps veteran, he said the object was unlike any plane he'd ever seen. He thought it appeared radio-controlled because the disk could change direction at a 90-degree angle without difficulty.

Members of the harbor patrol at the foot of NW Irving street stepped out when they heard the all-car alert. Capt. K. A. Prehn, Harbor Pilot A. T. Austed and Patrolman K. C. Hoff all saw the objects and said they appeared to be going south high over the Globe mills at terrific speed. Capt. Prehn said the flashes kept them from ascertaining whether there were three or six.

"The disks would oscillate and sometimes we would see a full disk, then a half-moon shape, then nothing at all," he reported. "The objects looked more like a shiny chromium hub cap off a car which wobbled, disappeared and reappeared."

There was a plane in the sky at the time, but all were emphatic that the disks were not planes.

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UNIDENTIFIABLE OBJECTS,
WILLIAMS FIELD, CHANDLER
ARIZONA.
11 July 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

On 8 July 1947, this Agent obtained pictures of unidentifiable objects, (Exhibits 1 and 2) from the managing editor of the Arizona Republic newspaper. The pictures were taken by Mr. William Rhoads, 4333 N. 11th St., Phoenix, Arizona, at sunset, on 7 July 1947. The subject objects flew, at unconceivable speeds, making three circles in the vicinity of Mr. Rhoads' home. The pictures were taken with a box camera, size 620. The photograph (Exhibit 1) was taken as the object passed in front of Mr. Rhoads, and Exhibit 2 as the object turned towards Mr. Rhoads. The height of the object was estimated at 1000 feet.

AGENT'S NOTES: See Exhibits 1 and 2, photographs of unidentifiable objects, enlarged approximately 20 times. No further reports have been received by this office of objects seen by military personnel.

Lynn C. Aldrich, Special Agent, EIC - AAF, WDTRC

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FEDERAL BUREAU
AUG 20 1947
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UNEXPLAINED FLYING DISCS
7 July 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

1. At 1305, 4 July 1947, a radio alert was issued via the Portland City Police Radio, advising all cars and listeners that some fast flying objects were in the air over Portland and vicinity. Upon contacting the radio dispatcher, this agent was advised that Kenneth A. McDowell, Patrolman, Portland City Police Department, residing at 916 S. E. Bush Street, Portland, Oregon, on duty at Precinct #1, Portland City Police, Southeast Morrison at 10th Avenue, had called in advising the dispatcher of the flying objects.

2. This agent interviewed Officer McDowell who stated at approximately 1305, 4 July 1947, he was on duty at Precinct #1, and was in the parking lot back of the Police Station, feeding the pidgeons. At this time the pidgeons became very excited over something and fluttered in the air all at once. Officer McDowell stated in looking around to see what had disturbed them, he saw five large discs in the air to the East of Portland two discs flying South and three flying in an Easterly direction. Officer McDowell stated he could determine no color to the discs, but advised they were dipping in an up and down oscillating motion and were traveling at a great speed. He was unable to give an estimate of the speed or altitude of these discs as they were out of sight before any detailed observation could be made. Officer McDowell advised he notified the Police Radio who immediately broadcast an alert. Officer McDowell advised he saw no indication of any motivating force or heard any sound coming from these discs and could give no description other than round.

3. This agent interviewed Sergeant Claude Cross, Oregon State Police Officer on duty at District Number 1 Station, Milwaukie, Oregon. Cross stated upon hearing the radio alert he went outside and upon looking in an Easterly direction he saw three discs following each other at an undetermined altitude and at a terrific speed, traveling in a Northwesterly direction. Cross advised he noticed a British brown glint to these objects as the sun reflected from them. Cross was unable to give any other description nor could he judge the objects speed or altitude. No sound was made by the objects.

4. This agent interviewed Earl B. Patterson, Patrolman, Portland City Police Department, and residing at 124 Southeast 13th Avenue, Portland, Oregon. Patterson advises he was a former Air Corps pilot during the war. He stated that the time the radio alert sounded, he was at Southeast 82nd and Foster Road, Portland, and upon getting out of his car he saw one disc flying in a Southwesterly direction over Portland. Patterson advised this disc was aluminum in color, left no vapor trail or smoke trail and was traveling at a terrific speed, faster than he has ever seen any flying object before. Patterson further advised, although not knowing the exact size of the object it is difficult to determine the altitude, he estimates its altitude at 30,000 feet.

Patterson further advised the flying disc was definitely some type of aircraft but he could not give any further description as its speed made observation difficult. He heard no sound emitted by the flying object.

Edith A. Sorenson, S/A CIC, Sixth Army

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EXHIBIT I

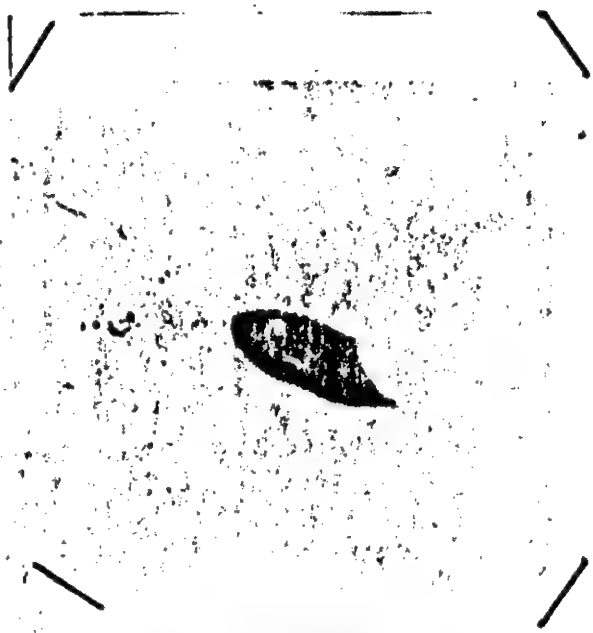

EXHIBIT II

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EXHIBIT #12

"THE OREGONIAN" Portland, Oregon
3 July 1947

Pilot Recalls Seeing Discs

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62-83845

August 5, 1947

[redacted] b7c

Omaha, Nebraska

Dear [redacted] b7c Flying Discs

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter postmarked July 10, 1947, together with its enclosure.

Inasmuch as the information which you furnished is of interest to the War Department I have taken the liberty of furnishing it to that agency for their consideration.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: August 12, 1947

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS
SABOTAGE

Reference is made to Bureau Bulletin No. 42, Series 1947, dated July 30, 1947, Section (B), which advises that all reports concerning flying discs should be investigated by field offices.

Prior to the receipt of these instructions, two instances were called to the attention of this office concerning flying discs. One report was received July 7, 1947, the details of which are set forth in Milwaukee letter to the Bureau dated July 8, 1947, entitled, "Flying Discs or Saucers, Miscellaneous, Telephone Call from Mr. Fletcher at the Bureau at 8:30 a.m., 7-7-47." No investigation was conducted concerning this report.

The second report was received by this office at 1:20 p.m. July 11, 1947, from [redacted] who is in charge of the Civil Air Patrol of Wisconsin, an auxiliary of the Army Air Forces. On that occasion [redacted] calling from Black River Falls, Wisconsin, telephonically advised this office that an object in the shape of a disc, nineteen inches in diameter had been found July 10, 1947, by one [redacted] city electrician on the Jackson County fairgrounds, near Black River Falls, Wisconsin, about 3:30 p.m. The disc might be made of a substance such as cardboard covered by a silver airplane dope material. The contraption has a small wooden tail like a rudder in the back and inside of the disc is what appears to be an RCA photo-electric cell or tube. Also inside the disc is a little electric motor with a shaft running to the center of the disc. At one end of the shaft is a very small propeller. In [redacted] opinion that contraption might possibly have been made by some juvenile. [redacted] stated that he desired to return the contraption to Milwaukee and eventually turn it over to the Army Air Forces, but that the finder, [redacted] apparently wanted to get some publicity on his find and wanted it returned to him. b7c

This information was telephonically called to the attention of Assistant Director D. M. LADD of the Bureau on July 11, 1947.

Subsequently, SAC H. K. JOHNSON telephoned Colonel [redacted] in charge of Counter Intelligence, Fifth Army, Chicago AC of S G-2 Headquarters Fifth Army, East Hyde Park Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, who stated he would contact [redacted] of Black River Falls, Wisconsin. b7c

No further investigation was conducted in this matter.

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Director
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The above constitutes the only two instances in which this office was contacted concerning flying discs. Unless contrary instructions are received from the Bureau, this office does not contemplate taking any further action in connection with the above two cases, but will fully investigate all future reports concerning flying discs.

JCF/dic
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
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Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
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Mr. Mohr
Mr. Pennington
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Mr. Nease
Mr. Sizoo

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FBI PORTLAND 8-11-47 1-17 PM PST KAM

DIRECTOR U R G E N T

FLYING DISCS. SECURITY MATTER DASH X. ONE [redacted] FORMR NAVY PILOT AND PRESENTLY [redacted] MYRTLE CREEK, [redacted] OREGON, REPORTS SEEING A MYSTERIOUS OBJECT ON TWO OCASIONS THE EVENING OF AUGUST SIXTH WMILE FLYING AT ABOUT FIVE THOUSAND FEET ABOVE MYRTLE CREEK. HATFIELD TO BE INTERVIEWED.

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5-18 PM OK FBI WASH DC GAR

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. Ladd

DATE: August 1, 1947

FROM : J. P. Coyne

SUBJECT: MRS. [redacted] b7c
INFORMANT

There is attached hereto a letter received from the captioned individual postmarked July 12, 1947, concerning "flying saucers."

There is also attached a letter of acknowledgement to [redacted] together with a letter to the War Department for approval. b7c

It is recommended that the letter to the War Department be forwarded to the Liaison Section for transmittal to that agency. Done

Attachments handled separately

WVC:mjp

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Mr. Tolson
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Mr. Egan
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

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WASH FROM SFRAN S2 8-9-47 2-50 PM KC

DIRECTOR FBI AND SACS, SEATTLE AND PORTLAND URGENT

FLYING DISKS, SECURITY MATTER-X. LT. COL. [redacted] OF G2, SAN FRANCISCO, ADVISED TODAY HE HAS NO FURTHER INFORMATION AND THAT OUR SEATTLE OFFICE IS IN POSSESSION OF ALL INFORMATION KNOWN BY HIM AND IS HANDLING THE MATTER AT TACOMA, WASHINGTON.

KIMBALL

RECEIVED 8-9-47 8:15 PM EDST AUG 12 MG 47

SACS SEATTLE AND PORTLAND ADVISED

If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's coding systems.

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53 AUG 18 1947

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[redacted] San Diego 4, Calif.

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THE ROUND ROBIN

THE FLYING ROLL

San Diego, California. July 8, 1947 -

(For your Information) - A MEMORANDUM OF IMPORTANCE -

THIS MEMORANDUM is respectfully addressed to certain scientists of distinction to important aeronautical and military authorities, to a number of public officials and to a few publications.

The writer has little expectation that anything of import will be accomplished by this gesture. The mere fact that the data herein were obtained by so-called supernormal means is probably sufficient to insure its disregard by nearly all the persons addressed; nevertheless it seems a public duty to make it available. (The present writer has several university degrees and was formerly a university department head).

A very serious situation may develop at any time with regard to the "flying saucers." If one of these should be attacked, the attacking plane will almost certainly be destroyed. In the public mind this might create near panic and international suspicion. The principal data concerning these craft is now at hand and must be offered, no matter how fantastic and unintelligible it may seem to minds not previously instructed in thinking of this type.

1. Part of the disks carry crews, others are under remote control.
2. Their mission is peaceful. The visitors contemplate settling on this plane
3. These visitors are human-like but much larger in size.

4. They are NOT excarnate earth people, but come from their own world.
5. They do NOT come from any "planet" as we use the word, but from an etheric planet which interpenetrates with our own and is not perceptible to us.
6. The bodies of the visitors, and the craft also, automatically "materialize on entering the vibratory rate of our dense matter. (Cp. "apports.")

7. The disks possess a type of radiant energy, or a ray, which will easily disintegrate any attacking ship. They reenter the etheric at will, and so simply disappear from our vision, without trace.
8. The region from which they come is NOT the "astral plane", but corresponds to the Lokas or Talas. Students of esoteric matters will understand these terms.
9. They probably cannot be reached by radio, but probably can be by radar, if a signal system can be devised for that apparatus.

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We give information and warning, and can do no more. Let the newcomers be treated with every kindness. Unless the disks are withdrawn, a situation threatens with which our culture and science are incapable of dealing. A heavy responsibility rests upon the few in authority who are able to understand this matter.

[redacted] b7C

[redacted] San Diego, California.

Addendum: The lokas are oval shape, fluted lengthwise, of oval with a heat-resisting metal or alloy not yet known; the front area contains the controls; the middle portion is laboratory; the rear contains armament, which consists essentially of a powerful ray energy apparatus, perhaps a ray apparatus, [redacted] a solid projectile.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: August 8, 1947

FROM : SAC, Norfolk

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS

Re Bureau Bulletin No. 42, dated July 30, 1947, Series 1947, wherein information is set forth pertaining to flying discs.

There is enclosed with this letter a newspaper clipping from the "Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch", dated July 9, 1947. The photograph appearing on this clipping is alleged to represent a flying disc which was observed by BILLY TURRENTINE, a Norfolk school boy, who was successful in photographing the object with his small camera.

BILLY was interviewed on August 8, 1947 by Special Agent (A) [redacted] at which time BILLY informed that the original negative was given by him to a Mr. BROWN of the Photo Craftsman Service, who in turn furnished the negative to the International News Service. BILLY advised that he has an agreement with Mr. BROWN whereby the latter will share equally in any profits derived from the use of the negative by commercial firms or newspapers. As of August 8, 1947 BILLY has not received any remuneration for the use of this negative.

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He informed that he was sitting on the front porch of his apartment which is located on the third floor at 410 West 14th Street, Norfolk, Virginia, around noontime on July 8, 1947. He had read numerous newspaper articles pertaining to flying discs and decided to sit on his front porch in the hopes of seeing one and attempting to photograph it. On July 8, 1947 BILLY observed a large, black object moving rapidly through space proceeding from the southwest to a northeast direction. He said the black object was followed by two smaller objects which also proceeded in the same direction. BILLY explained that the objects were moving at a very fast speed which appeared to him to be much faster than the speed of an airplane, and further, that the objects appeared to be extremely high. He said that they were much higher than the average plane travels in the City of Norfolk and appeared to be above the clouds, and that a white mist followed each of the three objects. BILLY was unable to state what the black objects represented, but admitted that they could have been large balloons. He indicated that he has observed small, toy balloons flying through the air, but that definitely these were not the toy type balloons. He said that when he first observed the objects they were at such a great distance from him that it was not necessary that he raise his head in order to see them from his porch on the third floor of the apartment building. He immediately turned around to obtain

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his camera and estimated it took him approximately twenty to thirty seconds, at which time the discs were almost directly over his apartment and it was necessary that he stoop and look up almost perpendicular in order to obtain the photograph, which accounts for the porch railing being shown in the newspaper clipping. BILLY pointed out that the day on which he took the picture, the weather was hazy and somewhat cloudy and there was a slight breeze blowing from the southwest in the general direction of the northeast, which is the same direction traveled by the black image which he photographed.

Inasmuch as the Army authorities in the Tidewater Area of Virginia are cognizant of the above information, no further investigation will be conducted by this office in this matter.

Enclosure.

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...ica Norfolk Ledger-
Date 7-9-47

Flying Disc 'Bigger Than Automobile' Photographed By Youth Who Is Amazed Because No One Else Saw It

By GEORGE HEBERT

The flying disc was lots bigger than an automobile" and 15-year-old Bill Turrentine of 410 West Fourteenth Street, doesn't understand why almost everybody in Norfolk didn't see it.

In fact, when he came to the Ledger-Dispatch with a photograph he had taken of the object, he wanted to know why the newspapers hadn't already taken a picture of it. "I thought your photographers were fast," he told a reporter.

(Editor's Note: Although the Ledger-Dispatch has had many reports of flying discs and saucers in recent days, no other person reported seeing the object which Turrentine photographed.)

However, Bill said he had done some fast moving himself shortly before noon Tuesday, when he stood on his front porch and saw the large gray object, "rocking and spinning like a football" and coming from the southwest.

He had just returned from Summer school classes at Maury, he said, and with all the talk about "flying saucers," had gone out with his camera to see if he could see anything.

"I don't see why they call them flying saucers," he said. "The big one I took a picture of and the two little ones that came behind it a few seconds later didn't look anything like saucers."

Looked Like Football

The boy stuck to his football comparison, explaining that the object was sort of rounded, more oval than disc-like, and that though it wobbled in its northeastward flight it was traveling very rapidly, about 600 miles an hour.

He guessed that the altitude of the thing was about 5,000 feet, just below the clouds. In color it was "gray, almost black," and looked like a "burned crisp," or maybe a rock or stone. The edges glittered, he said, and seemed to be trailing dust. Neither it nor the two which followed made any sound.

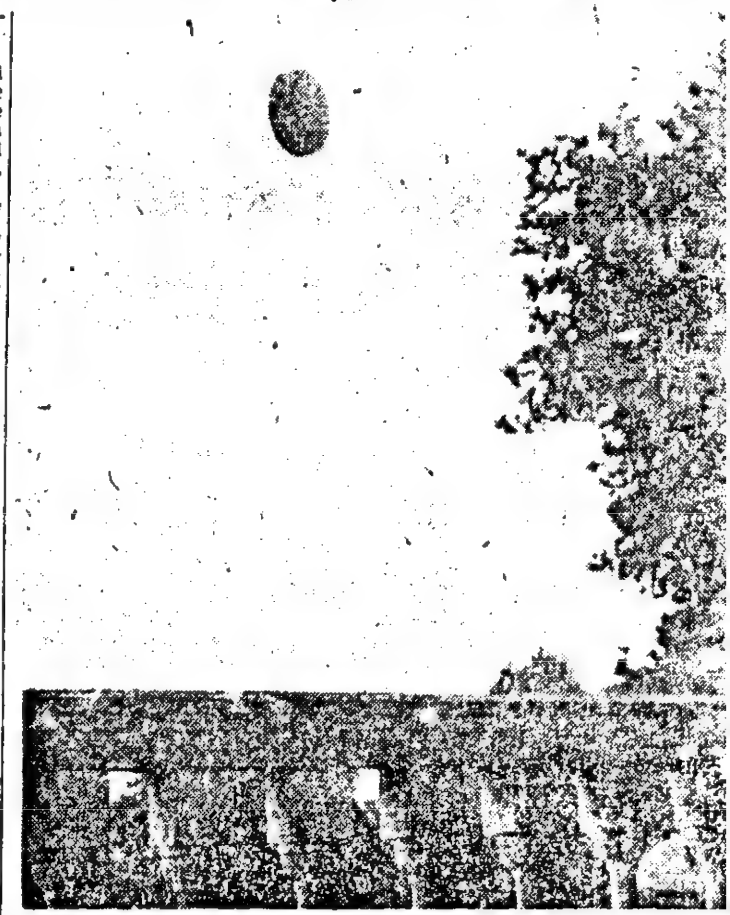
Bill said he wasn't very surprised when he saw the object, but "almost killed myself" getting shots of it with his camera, set at 1/100th of a second.

He called his 18-year-old sister, Josephine, to come and look, but apparently she didn't believe him.

As the "flying football" passed over, Bill said he took three shots of it, but when he hurriedly developed the film, after legging it to Olney Road for a vial of developer, only one negative came out well enough for reproduction.

He showed a reporter a contact print he had made himself, and the picture reproduced here is an enlargement made by Photo Craftsmen.

Photo experts of this firm are convinced that the boy did a fine job with the old camera he was using. Having closely examined the negative, they said the only flaw was in the kind of film, which perhaps didn't bring out enough detail. They pointed out, however, that this wasn't really a flaw, in view of the fact that Bill's photograph, with the comparison afforded by the front porch rail and the trees, was certainly the best one taken since the mysterious discs were first reported.



NORFOLK BOY AND PHOTO OF DISC—Bill Turrentine, '15, (righ tells Ledger-Dispatch reporter George Herbert (left) of the "lucky circumstances which enabled him to take the photograph at f right of a flying disc. However, the boy said the object pictured he looked and moved more like a football, being rounded and oval, rath than disc-like. Bill took this picture from the porch of his home 410 West Fourteenth Street between 11 o'clock and noon Tuesda using an old camera, with the shutter set at 1/100th of a second. H said the "flying football" shown here was followed by two small ones, all moving at about 600 miles an hour and he guessed they we about 5,000 feet high, just below the clouds. The photograph reprod ed here is an enlargement made by Photo Craftsmen. In the fo ground of young Turrentine's picture is the porch rail of his home.

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FLYING DISC REPORTED AT HACKENSACK, NJ AUGUST THREE, NINETEEN FORTY [redacted] SEVEN , MISC. INFORMATION RECEIVED THAT [redacted] AGE [redacted] AGE TWENTY, [redacted] HACKENSACK AND [redacted] FT. DIX, NJ ON LATE AFTERNOON AUGUST THIRD LAST SIGHTED FROM GROUND OBJECT DESCRIBED AS FLYING DISC. [redacted] CLAIMED IT WAS TWO HUNDRED [redacted] YDS, IN AIR, REVOLVING SLOWLY, MOVING RAPIDLY, AND NEITHER A KITE NOR A BALLOON. [redacted] TELEPHONED INFORMATION TO HACKENSACK PD. INQUIRY BEING MADE, BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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DIRECTOR AND SACS SEATTLE AND SAN FRANCISCO U R G E N T

FLYING DISCS, SM DASH X. RE TELEPHONE CALL FROM MR. LADD, ONE PM TODAY REQUESTING TELETYPE SUMMARY CONCERNING NEWSPAPER REPORTS OF RECENT REPORTED FLYING DISCS IN PORTLAND AREA AND A REPORTED CONFEREN OF ARMY OFFICIALS IN PORTLAND CONCERNING FLYING DISCS. [redacted] THE OREGONIAN, ADVISED THAT A CAPTAIN WILLIAM L. DAVIDSON AND LT. FRANK M. BROWN OF FOURTH AAF HEADQUARTERS SAN FRANCISCO WERE IN PORTLAND JULY TWENTYSEVEN LAST AND INTERVIEWED [redacted] AN EXPERIENCED PILOT, WHO HAD REPORTED JUNE FOURTEEN LAST SEEING A FORMATION OF TEN FLYING DISCS OVER BAKERS-FIELD , CALIF. ACCORDING TO [redacted] THEY HAD ALSO INTERVIEWED FOLLOWING FOUR EXPERIENCED PILOTS WHO WERE AMONG FIRST WHO REPORTED SEEING DISCS - [redacted] TO ASCERTAIN THE PURPOSE OF THE INTERVEWS [redacted] CONTACTED MAJOR ~~GENERAL TWINING~~ OF WRIGHT FIELD, OHIO BY PHONE AT ALBUQUERQUE, NM, AND FROM HIM GAINED THE IMPRESSION THAT THE AAF INSTITUTED THIS INVESTIGATION TO WASH OUT THE DISC REPORTS, SINCE THEY ARE DEFINITELY NOT OF AAF ORIGI ON FRIDAY, AUGUST FIRST, THE PLANE IN WHICH AAF INVESTIGATORS CAPTAI DAVIDSON AND LT. BROWN WERE RIDING, CRASHED AT KELSO, WASH. AND BOTH

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WERE KILLED. THE WRECKAGE WAS SCREENED BY AAF INTELLIGENCE FROM MCCHORD FIELD. THE TACOMA NEWS TRIBUNE AND THROUGH THEM THE UNITED PRESS PUT OUT A STORY THE PLANE WAS CARRYING PARTS OF A DISC WHICH HAD STRUCK A BOAT OWNED BY HAROLD DAHL AND FRED CRISMAN , TACOMA, WN.

b7C [redacted] ADVISED THAT TODAYS ISSUE OF THE OREGONIAN CARRIES A UP STOR STATING THAT DAHL DENIES SAYING THE METAL FRAGMENTS HE FURNISHED WERE FROM A DISC, AND ANALYSIS OF THE FRAGMENTS SHOWS THEM TO BE FROM A TACOMA SLAG MILL. NO AAF INTELLIGENCE PERSONNEL AVAILABLE PORTLAND. NO RECENT SUBSTANTIVE REPORTS OF FLYING DISCS IN THE PORTLAND AREA. SEATTLE VERIFY AT MCCHORD FIELD AND SAN FRANCISCO VERIFY AT AAF HDQRTS. SF, SUBMITTING TELETYPE SUMMARIES TO THE BUREAU. NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION PORTLAND.

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8/6/47

cc Mr. Ladd.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. LADD

DATE: August 6, 1947

FROM : [redacted] b7C

SUBJECT: FLYING SAUCERS

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Special Agent [redacted] of the Liaison Section contacted Lieutenant Colonel [redacted], Army Air Forces Intelligence, inquiring about an article which appeared in the West Coast newspapers recently stating in substance that an airplane carrying recovered flying saucers crashed in route from Portland, Oregon, to Los Angeles, California. b7C

[redacted] advised [redacted] that the only information that has been received by Headquarters of the Army Air Forces is that a CIC Agent of the 4th Air Forces Headquarters, Hamilton Field, San Francisco, was killed in an airplane crash. The Headquarters of the Air Forces have been advised that he was on a top secret mission. [redacted] indicated that he was under the impression that the CIC Agent was either on route to or from an interview with [redacted] who is one of the individuals who first saw one of the flying saucers. b7C

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[redacted] stated that the Air Forces have no additional information and will receive none until the report is received from the 4th Air Forces. [redacted] suggested that the San Francisco Field Office contact Colonel [redacted] Headquarters 4th Air Forces, Hamilton Field, San Francisco, who undoubtedly would be able to furnish the details regarding this matter which are at this time unknown by the Headquarters of the Air Forces. [redacted] pointed out to [redacted], however, that it was his belief that no flying saucers have been recovered but that it was merely an attempt to reinterview an individual who previously had reported seeing one of the flying saucers. b7C

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Date: 62-83894-41 August 5, 1947

CONFIDENTIAL
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

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To: Director of Intelligence
War Department General Staff
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Colonel [redacted] b7C

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: [redacted] b7C

There are attached hereto copies of a letter received from the above-captioned individual concerning "flying discs."

[redacted] letter has been acknowledged and he has been advised that copies of his letter have been furnished to you for your consideration. b7C

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

Date 9-10-47 Case References Flying Saucer

Consigned to: [redacted] b7C

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Waukesha, Wis.

Attn.

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Gentlemen;

Recently I have heard and read about reports of disc-shaped aircraft or whatever they are, in our western regions. They reminded me of a nearly forgotten incident in Germany, after the war. I report this to you because I feel this may be of international scope.

My buddy and I went on pass to see a friend of his. One evening the three of us were driving along some back roads when I sighted a strange looking object in the sky from eight to ten miles to our front and approximatly 5,000 feet high.

I immediatly stopped the jeep for a better look. The object rapidly came toward us, descending slowly. About a mile away it stopped it's horizontal motion but continued a slow oscillating descent, similar to a descending parachute. Then suddenly it dropped in a spiral motion.

Immediatly I drove over to where it had dropped. It took almost five minutes to reach the place but we saw nothing. After ten minutes of cruising around the area it became too dark to see so we went back to town.

I am not sure my companions saw this because it happened so quickly it could easily have been missed, but I described what I had seen so vividly that they were as excited as I was. My first impression was that it was a cloud but it was traveling at right angles to the wind.

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The local of this incident was approximatly 120 miles north-west of Habberbishopshiem. If necessary, I will swear to the authenticity of this and to the shape of the object.

Sincerely Yours,

[redacted] 67C

Dear War Dept

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

AUGUST 7, 1947

Transmit the following message to:

SAC, DETROIT "URGENT"

UNSUBS, [redacted] INFORMANTS, FLYING DISC, MISC.

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Date : August 1, 1947

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To : Director of Intelligence
War Department General Staff
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: [redacted] b7C

From : John Edgar Hoover, Director - Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject : [redacted] b7C

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UNIDENTIFIABLE OBJECT
WILLIAMS FIELD, CHANDLER,
ARIZONA.

7 July 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

1. On 1 July 1947, Lt William C. McGinty, USN, 195803, P-80 Student, Williams Field, Chandler, Arizona, was interviewed by this Agent, and stated in substance: That on 30 June 1947, at about 0910, MST, he was flying at 25,000 feet over Grand Canyon, Arizona, in a P-80 type aircraft. He stated that he was heading south towards Williams Field, Arizona, when he saw two round objects going at inconceivable speeds, straight down. He further stated that his reactions were to turn away from the objects. He further stated that one of the unidentifiable objects followed the other seconds apart. He further stated that due to the speed of the objects, he could only see that they were circular, and that they were possible light gray in color. He further stated that it was his opinion that the objects were approximately eight feet in diameter. In conclusion, he stated that the objects would have probably hit the ground approximately twenty-five miles south of the South Rim of Grand Canyon, Arizona.

AGENT'S NOTE: Lt McGinty gave his permanent address as: N.A.M.T.C., Point Hugu, Port Hueneme, Calif.

2. On 1 July 1947, Captain Malcolm G. Armstrong, O-734168, Instructor, Single Engine, Williams Field, Chandler, Arizona, was interviewed by this Agent and stated in subetance: That his brother, 1st Lt E. B. Armstrong, stationed at Hq, 10th AAF, Brooks AAF, Texas had related to him that he saw a formation of unexplainable objects in the vicinity of Lake Mead, Nev. Captain Armstrong, further stated that his brother stated the objects were heading south, and were at approximately 10,000 feet altitude.

AGENT'S NOTE: Captain Armstrong could not give too much information on the objects that his brother had seen. Lt. E. B. Armstrong can be contacted at Hq, 10th AAF, Brooks Field, Texas for further information.

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Lynn C. Aldrich, Special Agent, CIC-AAF, FOTRC

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JOHN K. ORR, Major, A.C.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D.M.LADD

DATE: July 7, 1947
9:50 PM

FROM : [redacted] b7c

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS
Miscellaneous

[redacted] b7c

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd [redacted]
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
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SAC Weeks called from New Orleans on the matter discussed in the attached teletype. He wanted to know what policy the Bureau was following in connection with reports concerning these "flying discs" which were being received.

b7c [redacted]

I told Mr. Weeks that, unless advised to the contrary, he should, in the particular case at hand, allow G-2 to handle and not take any jurisdiction for the FBI. He was told the Bureau would be interested in being kept advised of developments, and in copies of the photographs he said G-2 would make of the object found, but that he should not allow himself to be jockeyed into a position where investigative responsibility, if any were entailed, would fall on us. Mr. Weeks said he would so handle unless I called him back immediately with instructions for specific action.

As you will recall, I called you concerning the foregoing.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: July 22, 1947

FROM : SAC, EL PASO

SUBJECT: [redacted] b7C

FLYING OBJECTS IN AIR

[redacted] has come to the resident agency at Santa Fe, New Mexico on several occasions to report that she has received information concerning flying objects passing through the air. Some of the reports that she has received concern light objects seen at night which have allegedly been followed by explosions. She advised that one of such objects was reported by [redacted], who works near Canjilon, New Mexico. She claims that others were seen near Park View and Tierra Amarilla, New Mexico. b7C

[redacted] called attention to clippings from various newspapers concerning "disc-like" objects seen in New Mexico and other parts of the country. b7C

[redacted] claims to be a student of radio waves and ray forms, and contends that the above mentioned objects may be missiles similar to those appearing over Sweden some time ago. b7C

[redacted] has discussed the above with officials of the Atomic Energy Commission, and has written the Secretary of War and other government officials concerning her theories. [redacted] for the A.E.C., has advised that officials at Los Alamos consider [redacted] unreliable and possibly not well balanced mentally. She has mentioned to agents of this office that she was struck by lightning when a child. b7C

On July 15, [redacted] came to the Santa Fe resident agency and advised that she had written to WALTER WINCHELL, promising him a story in connection with the "flying discs." b7C

b7C The foregoing information is being submitted to the Bureau, inasmuch as [redacted] has written to several government officials and Mr. WINCHELL.

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Office Memorandum · UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. LADD

DATE: 7/24/47

FROM : E. G. Fitch

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS

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Mr. E. A. Tam
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. [redacted]
Mr. Nease
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Carson
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Mumford
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Reference is made to my memorandum to you in the above captioned matter dated July 10, 1947, indicating that Brigadier General George F. Schulgen of the Army Air Corps Intelligence had requested that the Bureau cooperate with the Army Air Corps Intelligence in connection with the above captioned matter. The Director noted on the referenced memorandum, "I would do it but before agreeing to it we must insist upon full access to discs recovered. For instance in the La. case the Army grabbed it and would not let us have it for cursory examination."

This is to advise that Special Agent [redacted] has recontacted General Schulgen and advised him in connection with the Director's notation. General Schulgen indicated to [redacted] that he desired to assure Mr. Hoover of complete cooperation in this matter and stated that he would issue instructions to the field directing that all cooperation be furnished to the FBI and that all discs recovered be made available for the examination by the FBI Agents. General Schulgen pointed out to [redacted] that he will from time to time make the results of the studies of his scientists available to the Bureau for the assistance of the FBI Field Offices. General Schulgen indicated to [redacted] that there has been a decrease in the reported sightings of the discs which might be because of the fact that it has lost much of its publicity value. He indicated, however, that he believed it necessary to follow this matter through to determine as near as possible if discs were in fact seen and to determine their origin.

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General Schulgen inquired of [redacted] the method by which the Bureau would make the information obtained from the Bureau's inquiries, known to the Air Corps, in the Field as well as at the War Department level. Mr. [redacted] pointed out to General Schulgen that the best procedure appeared to be through the regular established channels. It was pointed out to General Schulgen that the Bureau Field Offices maintain close liaison with the Intelligence Divisions of the various Armies as well as close liaison with the Intelligence Division of the War Department. General Schulgen indicated that he would be satisfied to receive information through this means.

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General Schulgen indicated to [redacted] that he believed that there was a possibility that this entire matter might have been started by subversive individuals for the purpose of creating a mass hysteria. He suggested that the Bureau keep this in mind in any interviews conducted regarding reported sightings. General Schulgen stated to [redacted] that he would make available to the Bureau all information in the possession of the Air Corps regarding the sightings which were first reported so that the Bureau could conduct some investigation regarding these individuals to ascertain their motives for reporting that they had observed flying discs. When General Schulgen makes the information available regarding these individuals, it will be promptly brought to your attention.

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Sincerely

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MEMORANDUM FOR D. M. LADD 7/23/47

RECOMMENDATION

There is attached a Bureau Bulletin to the Field for their assistance in handling this matter.

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July 30, 1947

[redacted]
Brooklyn 27, New York

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Dear [redacted]:

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I desire to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 14, 1947, and to express my appreciation to you for bringing this matter to my attention.

The information set forth in your letter has been carefully reviewed and is being maintained in this Bureau as a matter of record.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE: [redacted] has been a previous correspondent with the Bu file [redacted] No record could be located in the Crime Records Section indication that the correspondent might be a mental case.

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Brooklyn 27,1947
July [illegible]h,1947.,

Mr.J.Edgar Hoover.Chief,of the F.B.I.
Washington,D.C.

Dear Sir;

Please forgive me for taking up your time,with this item.It really i necessary.Yet,although everybodys tongue was wagging from the East and to the West coast,I couldn't resist putting my oar in.

Flying Saucers in the Sky.Heading for the Milky Way.Funny?I dont know.

We read and ~~read~~ and read."Sky Disc Derby Open to All"-"Calls "Saucers"Tr of Vision"-"Believe it or not,27 States see those flying saucers"-"Who saw th Saucers?40 States in the Game"-"Celestial Dishes sought between the Raindrop 'Find 'Disk'is weather kite"-"Disks called chunks of Mirage"-"Report new Red Planes resemble'Flying Saucers'".-Air-liner crew reports seeing 9 flying disk for 12 minutes".That's the way it went on,for days and days.

Please,dont remind me that this is a military problem.Soldiers fight the emy out in the open and away from home if possible.The Federal Agents(the un heroes)fight the ememy under cover and in their home grounds.So.Here I am.

These so-called saucers may be kites,but according to reports,these thing didn't flutter or float,they sailed and kites don't sail,the stranges part i they all sailed in the same direction,from West to East.

Rewards were offered,no collectors.Planes chased them,none captured.They h o land,no finders.So.As long as the Military,Scientist and Civilians deny,be responsible for this.Were does it lead to?An enemy.A little while back,it was mentioned somewhere that Russia had or has a contraption for their next war,e tting sound(like a silent whistle for dogs)what it'sxxxto do,to their enemy,I don't know.If a country was experimenting such a weapon,the brave people of t .S.were not scared.They only informed the so-called enemy how successful the ~~xxxx~~ were.

It could be an optical illusion,or;supposing some unwelcomed persons,plant few well chosen words,here and there and left the rest to an confused mind. These innocent people reporting the phenomena.

What confuses me is,that when we became too curious and determined to find ut what they really are,those things disappeared and we found substitutes,ca ites.These things resembling description as near as possible to the real thi hy couldn't these things have been directed back home again like a homing pi

To make sport of this thing,is bad taste.It sort of reminds me of the boy ried WOLF.When the wolf really came.Twas sad.He,was a niceboy.There should b aw,against such jokes or experiments in the [illegible]ure.They should be cond ~~a isolated~~,should be tried for treason,even;if the so-called joke seems h ess or ridicules.We can't take any chances.At this age,Time is slow.Man,is f his POOH POOH business.is no joke.

I had in mind that the floods were responsible for these disks(mirages)the ushing waters of the Mississippi,Missouri,Platte,Columbia and Ohio Rivers.Th un going from East to West,plus the Catskill in the Easterly North,The Blue idge in the East and the Rocky Mountains in the West.Refections,or whatever t ere,went from West to East.Hence the Disks?I hope.

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Respectfully Submitted,

[redacted]

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July 20 1947

Mr J. Edgar Hoover

M[redacted]

W[redacted] D.C.

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Dear Sir,.

Reading about Kenneth Arnold seeing these flyling saucers. I got a brain-storm, Maybe there is someone that is Manufacturing a contraption that could be sent up by Remote Control. and could be used against us.

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Washington, D.C.

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. LADD

DATE: 7/10/47

FROM : [redacted] G. Fitch

SUBJECT: FLYING DISKS

At request of [redacted]adier General [redacted]rge F. Schulgen, Chief of the Requir[redacted]nts Intelligence Branch of Army Air Corps Intelligence, Special Agent [redacted] discussed the above captioned matter with him on July 9, 1947. [redacted]eneral Schulgen indicated to [redacted] that the Air Corps has taken the attitude that every effort must be undertaken in order to run down and ascertain whether or not the flying disks are a fact and, if so, to learn all about them. According to General Schulgen, the Air Corps Intelligence are utilizing all of their scientists in order to ascertain whether or not such a phenomenon could in fact occur. He stated that this research is being conducted with the thought that the flying objects might be a celestial phenomenon and with the view that they might be a foreign body mechanically devised and controlled. b7C

General Schulgen also indicated to [redacted] that all Air Corps installations have been alerted to run out each reported sighting to obtain all possible data to assist in this research project. In passing, General Schulgen stated that an Air Corps pilot who believed that he saw one of these objects was thoroughly interrogated by [redacted]eneral Schulgen and scientists, as well as a psychologist, and the pilot was adamant[redacted] in his claim that he saw a flying disk. b7C

[redacted]eneral [redacted] advised [redacted] that the possibility exists that the first reported sightings of the so-called flying disks were fallacious and prompted by individuals seeking personal publicity, or were reported for political reasons. He stated that if this was so, subsequent sightings might be the result of a mass hysteria. He pointed out that the thought exists that the first reported sightings might have been by individuals of Communist sympathies with the view to causing hysteria and fear of a secret Russian weapon. b7C

[redacted]eneral Schulgen indicated to [redacted] that he is desirous of having all the angles covered in this matter. He stated that reports of his scientists and findings of the various Air Corps installations will be available in his office. He advised that to complete the picture he desired the assistance of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in locating and questioning the individuals who first sighted the so-called flying disks in order to ascertain whether or not they are sincere in their statements that they saw these disks, or whether their statements were prompted by personal desire for publicity or political reasons. General Schulgen assured [redacted] that there are no War Department or Navy Department research projects presently being conducted which could in any way be tied up with the flying disks. General Schulgen indicated to [redacted] that if the Bureau would cooperate with him in this matter, he would offer all the facilities of his office as to results obtained in the effort to identify and run down this matter. b7C

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[redacted] advised General Schulgen that his request would be made known to the Bureau and an answer made available to him as soon as possible. b7C

Memorandum for Mr. Ladd

[redacted] also discussed this matter with [redacted] of MID. [redacted] indicated that it was his attitude that inasmuch as it has been established that the flying disks are not the result of any Army or Navy experiments, the matter is of interest to the FBI. He stated that he was of the opinion that the Bureau, if at all possible, should accede to General Schulgen's request. b7C

SWR:AJB

ADDENDUM

I would recommend that we advise the Army that the Bureau does not believe it should go into these investigations, it being noted that a great bulk of those alleged discs reported found have been pranks. It is not believed that the Bureau would accomplish anything by going into these investigations.

DML

I think we should do this
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I would do it but before agreeing to it we must insist upon full access to discs recovered. For instance in the 2nd case the Army grabbed it & would not let us have it for cursory examination.

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TELETYPE

Rec 10:00 p

Mr. [illegible]
Mr. K. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. [illegible]
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. [illegible]
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. [illegible]

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DIRECTOR ROUTINE

Fletcher

FLYING DISCS SIGHTED BY [redacted], TACOMA, WASHINGTON, SM X. REURTEL INSTANT DATE. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT [redacted] DID NOT ADMIT TO [redacted] THAT HIS STORY WAS A HOAX BUT ONLY STATED THAT IF QUESTIONED BY AUTHORITIES HE WAS GOING TO SAY IT WAS A HOAX BECAUSE HE DID NOT WANT ANY FURTHER TROUBLE OVER THE MATTER. COMPLETE REPORT NOW EN ROUTE TO BUREAU AMSD, WHICH INDICATES PROBABLY [redacted] MADE THE ANONYMOUS PHONE CALL IN THE HOPE OF BULDING UP THEIR STORY THROUGH PUBLICITY TO A POINT WHERE THEY COULD MAKE A PROFITABLE DEAL WITH FANTASY MAGAZINE, CHICAGO ILLINOIS. [redacted] WILL NOT BE REINTERVIEWED UNLESS ADVISED TO THE ~~CONTARKKX~~ CONTRARY BY THE BUREAU.

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(B) FLYING DISCS -- The Bureau, at the request of the Army Air Forces Intelligence, has agreed to cooperate in the investigation of flying discs. The Air Forces have confidentially advised that it is possible to release three or more discs in odd numbers, attached together by a wire, from an airplane in high altitudes and that these discs would obtain tremendous speed in their descent and would decend to the earth in an arc. The Army Air Forces Intelligence has also indicated some concern that the reported sightings might have been made by subversive individuals for the purpose [redacted]reating a mass hysteria.

7-30-47
BUREAU BULLETIN NO. 42
Series 1947

You should investigate each instance which is brought to your attention of a sighting of a flying disc in order to ascertain whether or not is is a bona fide sighting, an imaginary one or a prank. You should also bear in mind that individuals might report seeing flying discs for various reasons. It is conceivable that an individual might be desirous of seeking personal publicity, causing hysteria or playing a prank.

The Bureau should be notified immediately by teletype of all reported sightings and the results of your inquiries. In instances where the report appears to have merit, the teletype should be followed by a letter to the Bureau containing in detail the results of your inquiries. The Army Air Forces have assured the Bureau complete cooperating in these matters and in any instances where they fail to make information available to you or make the recovered discs available for your examination, it should promptly be brought to the attention of the Bureau.

Any information you develop in connection with these discs should be promptly brought to the attention of the Army through your usual liaison channels.

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July 10, 1947

[redacted] b7c

Darlington, South Carolina

Dear [redacted] b7c

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your Western Union telegram dated July 6, 1947. Your interest in bringing this information to my attention is greatly appreciated.

Inasmuch as the contents of your telegram appear to be of interest to the War Department only, I have taken the liberty of turning this information over to that Department.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc - Savannah
NOTE: The telegram referred to "flying discs."

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July 10, 1947

[redacted] b7c

San Marcos, Texas

Dear [redacted] b7c

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your Western Union telegram dated July 7, 1947. Your interest in making this information available to me is greatly appreciated.

Inasmuch as the contents of your telegram appear to be of interest to the War Department only, I have taken the liberty of making the information furnished by you available to that Department.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc - San Antonio
NOTE: The telegram referred to "flying discs."

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July 23, 1947

[redacted] b7c

Westport, Connecticut

Dear [redacted] b7c

Your letter dated July 17, 1947, together with enclosures, has been received and I want to thank you for submitting the letter you mentioned to me.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr. Quinn Tamm
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Miss Gandy

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Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
[redacted]
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The enclosed came to my husband yesterday. After reading it aloud to the family, as a good example of crack-pot-ism, advertising or what have you, he threw it into the wastebasket. I retrieved it, thinking it might better go into your wastebasket than ours, examined by your department en route thither, as of possible value. I presume several thousand have been mailed, and you may receive numberless duplicates. I will risk that. [redacted] as an economist at Columbia University receives many strange missives. This is as strange a one as has come for some time, and very appropriate to the present moment.

b7c

Sincerely yours, [redacted]

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[redacted]
July 17, 1947
Home address: [redacted] Westport, Conn.

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July 11, 1947.

Dear Sir:

Have you seen one of the mysterious "Saucers"?

What did it look like?

Do you think these strange, celestial manifestations are harbingers of a better day?

Do you believe it means that a new and revolutionary advance is coming?

Will it make your life brighter, happier, more useful?

We believe one of these startling discs is on its way to you. Then the secret will be out.

The Combined and Amalgamated Committee
of Sky-Scanners, Disc Decipherers and
New-Product Introducers.

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Miss Ga[redacted]

WASHINGTON FROM BOSTON 3 18 10-53P

DIRECTOR

METAL FRAGMENTS OBSERVED AT WEST RINDGE, N.H., JULY SEVEN, FORTYSEVEN, SECURITY MATTER-X. [redacted], SECURITY OFFICER, M.I.T., CAMBRIDGE, MASS., ADVISED THAT TODAY HE WAS IN CONTACT WITH ONE [redacted] OF WEST RINDGE, N.H., A RETIRED [redacted] OF THE NEW ENGLAND TEL. AND TEL.CO. [redacted] ADVISED THAT AT APPROXIMATEY THREE PM ON JULY SEVEN LAST SEVERAL PEOPLE SITTING ON A PORCH OBSERVED ON THE LAWN OF [redacted] ROUTE [redacted] WEST RINDGE, N.H., LITTLE CUP OF SMOKE, WHICH ON INSPECTION DISCLOSED SMALL BURNED [redacted] SPOTS ABOUT ONE AND ONE HALF INCHES IN DIAMATER ON THE GREEN LAWN. ALSO IN THE LONG DRY GRASS ON BOTH SIDES OF ROAD IN A CIRCLE APPROXIMATELY TWO HUNDRED FEET IN DIAMETER SEVERAL LITTLE BLAZES HAD STARTED AND THE FIRE [redacted] DEPT. WAS CALLED. FIRES WERE APPARENTLY CAUSED BY METALLIC FRAGMENTATION WHICH WERE TURNED OVER TO [redacted] OF MIT, BY A [redacted], OF THE TELEPHONE COMPANY. [redacted] HAS ADVISED [redacted] THAT THEIR GENERAL [redacted] APPEARANCE ARE SIMILAR TO THE LINING OF V DASH TWO BOMBS, WHICH HE HAD OBSERVED AT NEW MEXICO. [redacted] PROFESSOR [redacted] AN OUTSTANDING METALLURGIST AT MIT, STATED THAT THEY ARE POSSIBLY THE LINING FROM A JET TURBO PLANE. AT PRESENT TIME HE IS IN PROCESS OF ANALYZING TWO OF THESE PIECES. THESE SCIENTISTS IN ROUGHLY RECONSTRUCTING THE METALLIC OBJECT STATE IT WAS APPROXIMATELY FOURTEEN INCHES IN DIAMETER, THREE

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SIXTEENTHS OF AN INCH THICK, AND MACHINE TOOLED, AND SOME FRAGMENTS INDICATED THEY WERE BURNED AND [redacted] APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO TERRIFIC HEAT. THESE SCIENTISTS ARE TREATING THIS MATTER AS CLASSIFIED INFORMATION. MR. [redacted] AT WEST RINDGE, N.H. IS ALSO ENDEAVORING TO COLLECT ADDITIONAL FRAGMENTS AND HAS STATED b7C THAT THE FIRE CHIEF AT WEST RINDGE HAS ALSO SEVERAL FRAGMENTS IN HIS POSSESSION. [redacted] INDICATED THAT THE [redacted] RESIDENCE IS SEVEN TO EIGHT HUNDRED FEET EAST OF THE RAILROAD TRACKS. [redacted] STATED HE WILL MAKE THE RESULTS OF M I T RESEARCH AVAILABLE IF SIGNIFICANT. OPINIONS OF SCIENTISTS AS SET FORTH ABOVE SUGGEST POSSBLE MILITARY INTEREST. MILITARY AUTHORITIES AT BOSTON HAVE NOT BEEN NOTIFIED.

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Info & attention of Mr. G.C. Jacobs mind 8/11/47

cc - Mr. Ladd

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: July 18, 1947

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN

SUBJECT: "FLYING SAUCERS"
EDWIN M. BAILEY, JR.
STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT, INFORMANT
ATOMIC ENERGY ACT

b7c [redacted]

For the information of the Bureau this is to advise that on July 7, 1947, [redacted] Stamford, Connecticut, appeared at the Stamford Resident Agent's office and furnished the following information:- b7c

[redacted] prefaced his remarks by stating that he is a scientist by occupation and is currently employed at the American Cyanamid Research Laboratories on West Main Street in Stamford, Connecticut, in the Physics Division. [redacted] further indicated that during the war he was employed at MIT, Cambridge, Massachusetts, in the Radiation Laboratory which Laboratory is connected with the Manhattan Project. [redacted] advised that he is thirty years of age and is a graduate of the University of Arizona. b7c

[redacted] stated that the topic of "flying saucers" had caused considerable comment and concern to the present day scientists and indicated that he himself had a personal theory concerning the "flying saucers". Prior to advancing his own theory, [redacted] remarked that immediately after the conclusion of World War II, a friend of his, [redacted] allegedly observed the "flying saucers" from an observatory in Milan and Bologna, Italy. He stated that apparently at that time the "flying saucers" had caused a little comment in Italy but that after some little publicity they immediately died out as public interest. [redacted] stated that it is quite possible that actually the "flying saucers" could be radio controlled germ bombs or atom bombs which are circling the orbit of the earth and which could be controlled by radio and directed to land on any designated target at the specific desire of the agency or country operating the bombs. He stated that one of the items of interest which he personally has observed is the fact that the saucers have been observed in Mexico City, New Orleans, Philadelphia, New York, Boston, Halifax, Newfoundland, Paris, Milan, Bologna and Yugoslavia as well as Albania. By placing a string around the globe of the earth it b7c

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ATOMIC ENERGY ACT

July 18, 1947

would be noticed that all of the above-mentioned cities form a direct orbit or circle around the earth and would be more or less in line of any path in which the saucers could be circling.

[redacted] further stated that he had recently talked with [redacted], one of the owners of [redacted] in Glenbrook, Connecticut, and had been informed by [redacted] that his company is making a large powerful telescope to be used in searching the stratosphere for atom bombs. 67C

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DIRECTOR URGENT

RE FLYING DISKS. MRS. [redacted]

b7C [redacted], SEATTLE, REPORTED FLYING DISK HAD LANDED ON [redacted] ABOUT NINE FORTY TWO PM LAST NIGHT, THAT IT WAS BURNING AT [redacted] IMMEDIATELY EXTINGUISHED. SHE ALSO ADVISED ONI, AND DISK FELL SHORT DISTANCE FROM THEIR OFFICES. AGENTS IMMEDIATELY DISPATCHED TO SCENE AND RECOVERED DISK TAKEN ONI OFFICES AND EXAMINED BY NAVY BOMB AND ELECTRONICS [redacted] EXPERTS AND AGENTS. DISK DESCRIBED AS ABOUT TWENTY EIGHT INCH [redacted] CIRCULAR PIECE THREE SIXTEENTH INCH PLYWOOD CUPPED UP ON TWO SIDES AND HELD THIS POSITION BY WIRE ACROSS ITS CENTER. DISK NEWLY PAINTED LIGHT GRAY OUTSIDE AND RED INSIDE, AND INSIDE OF DISK [illegible] PRINTED LETTERS IN WHITE PAINT AS FOLLOWS QUOTE U S S R UNQUOTE, ALSO QUOTE E Y R UNQUOTE, WHICH WOULD APPEAR TO BE RYE PRINTED BACKWARD AND A HAMMER AND SICKLE. MOUNTED ON PIECES OF BAKELITE IN THE CENTER OF THE INSIDE OF THE DISK WERE TWO RADIO TUBES, WHICH WERE WIRED UP AND ALSO SO MOUNTED WAS ABOUT A QUART TYPE CYLINDRICAL SHAPED OIL CAN TO WHICH WAS FITTED A SHORT PIECE OF RUBBER TUBING RUNNING FROM CAN TO ENTRANCE TO A PIECE OF ONE INCH PIPE ABOUT FOURTEEN INCHES LONG. THE PIPE EXTENDED THROUGH THE DISK AND AT THE OUTER END OF THE PIPE WAS ABOUT A SIX INCH PIECE OF CLOTH, WHICH WAS WOUND ABOUT AND STUCK INTO THE END OF THE PIPE. THE ENDS OF THIS CLOTH WERE CHARRED FROM BURNING. THE CLOTH WAS SATURATED WITH SOME SUBSTANCE

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cc: Mr. Ladd

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BELIEVED TO BE TURPENTINE. CONSENSUS OF ALL PRESENT PRESENT THAT DISK COULD NOT FLY. DISK PRESENTLY IN POSSESSION OF ONI SEATTLE AND NO INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED. NO PUBLICITY THUS FAR AND NO COMMENT BEING MADE IN EVENT PRESS INQUIRIES ARE RECEIVED.

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Info brought to attention of Mr G.C. Jackson MID 7/10/62

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: July 3, 1947

FROM : SAC, Butte

SUBJECT: [redacted] FLYING DISCS

b7C [redacted]

Mr. [redacted], of the Idaho Daily Statesman, Boise, Idaho, telephonically contacted the Butte Office and asked if the FBI was checking on the flying discs reported to have been seen by many citizens. He advised that so many had reported having seen them that it undoubtedly was not a figment of the imagination. He said that these discs had been seen on July 1, 1947, in the vicinity of Trail Creek near Sun Valley, Idaho, by reputable citizens. b7C

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The writer informed [redacted] that this office was not making an investigation and inquired as to whether he had contacted Army and Navy officials. He said that he was inquiring of these agencies. b7C

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: July 17, 1947

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: RECOVERY OF "FLYING DISC", NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, JULY 9, 1947

On the evening of July 9, 1947, a report was received at the Los Angeles Office that a so-called "flying disc" had landed in the vicinity of Radford and Magnolia Streets in North Hollywood, California, the contraption being briefly described as approximately 30 inches in diameter, all metal, disc shaped, and having a radio antenna. It was reported to have burst into flames upon landing. At the time of the report the disc was being held at the Valley Fire Department in Van Nuys, California.

SA [redacted] went to the fire department immediately at which time it was found that a number of people had gathered including newspaper reporters and photographers who were taking pictures of the disc. Battalion Fire Chief [redacted] advised Agent that at approximately 10:30 P.M., an unknown woman called on the telephone and excitedly reported that the disc had dropped into her garden where it began to flame, her residence being located at 11858 Magnolia Boulevard, North Hollywood. A fire department truck was sent there and put out the flaming object with the fire hose, after which the object was taken to the fire station. SA [redacted] thereafter arranged to transport the disc to the office. b7c

The device is briefly described as consisting of two convex steel discs approximately 2 feet in diameter, fused together at the outer edge and fastened together in the center by a hollow cylindrical connection. A vertical galvanized iron fin was screwed to the top of the disc, and a short length of pipe closed at one end ran from the outer circumference into the interior of the contraption. What appeared to be a radio tube was installed in the center of the top side. The contraption had a total weight of approximately 20 pounds.

At the Bureau Office a series of photographs were taken of the device from various positions, and a set of these photographs are being forwarded herewith for the Bureau's inspection and information.

b7c The "flying disc" was thereafter turned over to Major [redacted] A.C., G-2, Fort MacArthur, San Pedro, California, who subsequently reported that the object was definitely a hoax and under no circumstances could have flown under its own power.

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Director, FBI

July 17, 1947

Re: RECOVERY OF "FLYING DISC",
NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA,
JULY 9, 1947

On the following day, July 10, 1947, one [redacted] North Hollywood, reported that on this morning he was at the North Hollywood Service Station eating at which time there was considerable talk about the flying disc having been found in the vicinity. A number of what appeared to be young high school students were present and were having quite a laugh about the excitement caused by the finding of the disc. [redacted] stated that he received a definite impression that these young students either had themselves or knew of someone who had been working for the past two weeks making this "flying disc". [redacted] was unable to furnish the names of any of these young men but identified one of them who was making the statements as being employed in a Chevron Service Station at the corner of Victory Boulevard and Whitsett Street. He described the youngster as about sixteen years of age.

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The above information was also furnished to the G-2 Office at San Pedro, California.

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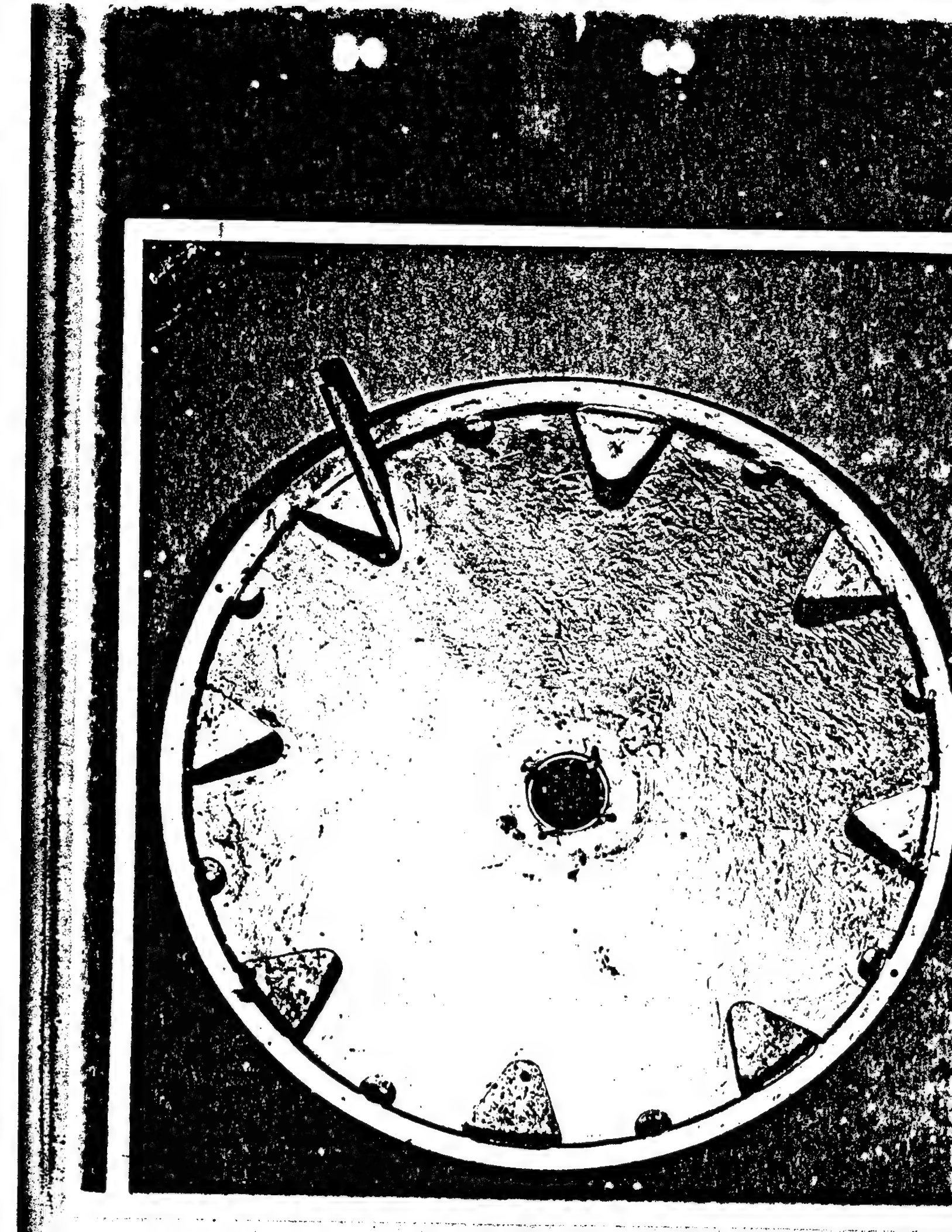

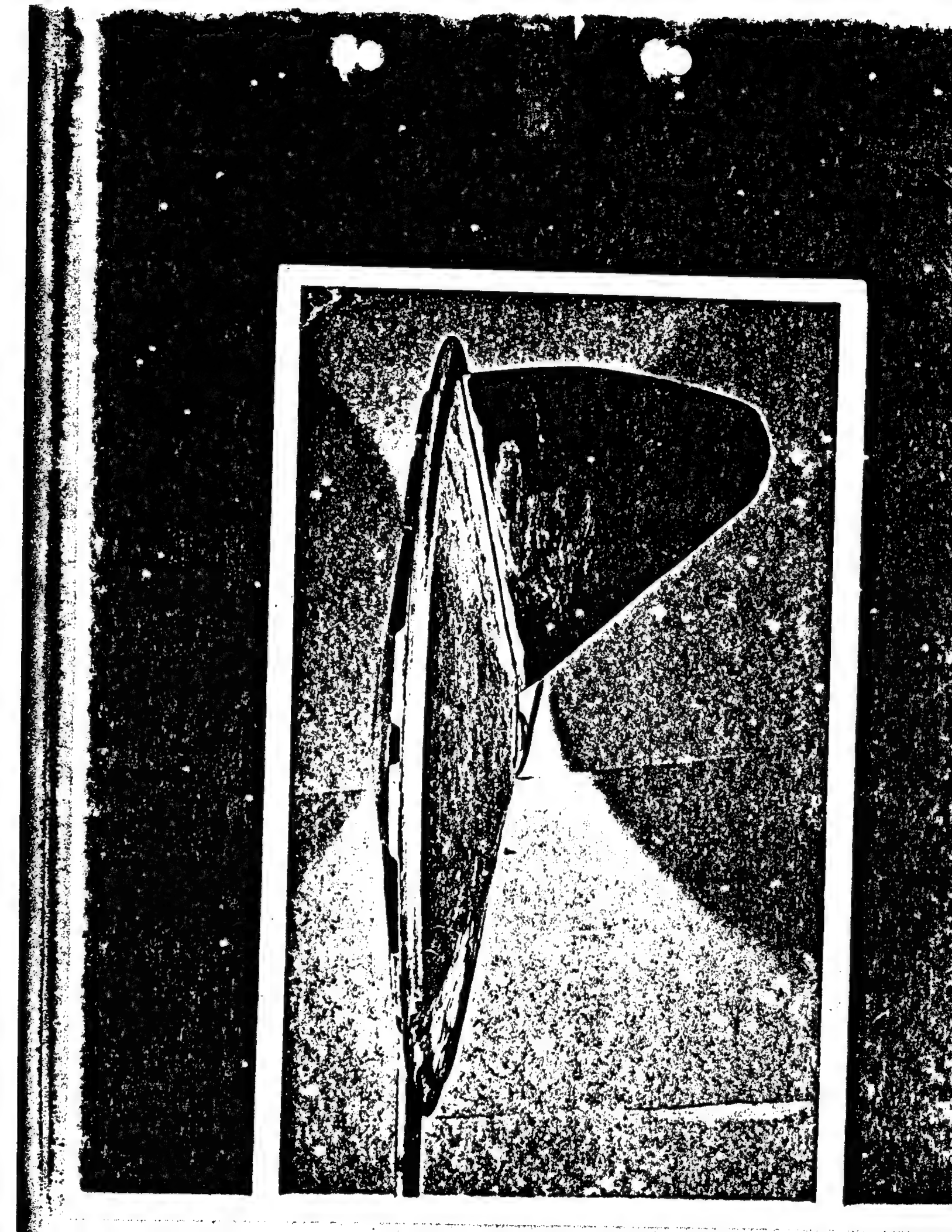

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. LADD

DATE: July 10, 1947

FROM : [redacted] b7c

SUBJECT: FLYING SAUCERS (DISCS)
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

At 5:45 AM this date, SAC Hood telephonically contacted the Bureau and advised at approximately 11:30 PM, July 9, 1947, the office in Los Angeles had received information from the Resident Agent at Burbank, California, that a "flying disc" had landed in or near Burbank and had been seen to burst into flame when it landed. Further, that it had been the cause of a fire in some woods, this fire either in Burbank or possibly in the city limits of Los Angeles, which Mr. Hood could not be certain. The fire chief at Burbank had called the resident agent at Burbank and told him he would hold the disc for him.

Coincident with the information received from Burbank, the Los Angeles Office received calls from the newspapers requesting information. The newspapers stating they had called the Army Air Force Intelligence who had stated "we are not interested". According to Mr. Hood, this comment had aroused the newspapers and they stated they intended to publish this quotation and belabor same in their first issues. Mr. Hood stated that he had refrained from making any statement to the press other than to admit possession of an object and that it was being turned over to military authorities in the morning (this AM), it being Mr. Hood's opinion that he did not want any quotes in the press and certainly not one to the effect that we were not interested.

As described to him, Mr. Hood stated that the object was an aluminum disc about 2' in diameter weighing about ten pounds, painted with aluminum paint and having some sort of a radio tube in the center of the disc. This object was in possession of the resident agent at Burbank and would be turned over to military authorities (G-2) in Los Angeles this morning.

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Mr. Hood's purpose in calling was to place the Bureau on notice regarding the above described object and any further information would be transmitted to the Bureau at once.

Action: None indicated.

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July 18, 1947

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Chicago, Illinois

Dear [redacted] b7C

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter postmarked July 7, 1947. The information contained therein has been carefully reviewed and is being made a matter of permanent record in the files of this Bureau. Your interest in writing as you did is indeed appreciated.

In the future should you have information which you feel might be of interest to this Bureau you might find it convenient to contact the Special Agent in Charge of our Chicago Office, which is located at 1900 Bankers' Building, Chicago 3, Illinois.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc - Chicago (With incoming. There is no identifiable information in the Bureau's files concerning the writer of this letter. Despite the fact that this letter refers to "flying discs", it is not believed that the information furnished is sufficiently important to refer to Army authorities.)

WVC:WMJ

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Wash. D.C.

Doesn't it seem wisest for you to forbid papers - (No not forbid - but ask the co-operation of all papers) to keep all news of those discs out of the news untill you are sure just what they are & where from.

Seems to us with all the enemies we have, even within our borders, it could be something far more important than may seem at first. I had 2 sons in this war & another who over-did for his America - & we do want it really protected from danger from now on. Enough are dead & maimed - with-out losing out now as it easily could be. Why have the papers carried that story if reporters were made to see how much more sensible not to report - it except to the F.B.I.

There is too much of danger ahead anyway —

Hastily

/s/ [redacted] b7C

Chicago -

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Mr J. ~~Edgar~~ Hoover Co. [illegible]
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